

## **CAPSULE SUMMARY**

**BA-1199**

**Masimore Farm House**

**20955 South Ruhl Road**

**Freeland, Baltimore County**

**Circa 1880**

**Private**

The Masemore House is located on South Ruhl Road near Middletown in the Sixth District of Baltimore County. Although an exact date of construction has not been determined, architectural evidence and historic maps support a circa 1860 date of construction. The house first appears on the 1877 Hopkins Atlas, directly adjacent to the Grist and Sawmill operated by P. A. & S. Small. Although no occupant was listed on this atlas, the 1915 Bromley Atlas indicates that Henry M. Masemore occupied the 180-acre property. The dwelling was constructed during the height of development in Middletown.

Located in a rural setting amidst a rolling landscape, this imposing two-and-a-half story single-family dwelling stands close to South Ruhl Road facing southeast on a sloping lot. In a T-shaped footprint, this wood frame dwelling rests on a full-height coursed rubble foundation. The façade of the house is three bays across with the center entrance bay covered over with the asphalt shingle re-cladding. There are two interior-end and one interior-center corbeled brick chimneys. The first and second stories on the façade are pierced with four 2/2 double-hung wood sash windows and one fixed pointed arch 1-light wood window. There are three 3/3 double-hung wood sash windows. The asphalt shingle roof features a wood box cornice. A one-story shed roof porch covers the façade of the rear two-story ell.

Two historic outbuildings are associated with this property. Across the road facing northwest, is a circa 1880 coursed rubble stone washhouse one-and-a-half stories high. The façade is two bays wide with two single-leaf vertical-board wood doors of varying heights. The house features quoins at each corner. The side elevation is pierced with two 6/6 double-hung wood sash windows and two 6-light wood casement windows. One rebuilt interior-end chimney rises above the side gable corrugated sheet metal roof. The previously surveyed barn has been demolished and replaced with a circa 1990 bank barn.

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**1. Name of Property** (indicate preferred name)

historic Masemore Farm House

other

## 2. Location

street and number 20955 South Ruhl Road \_\_\_\_\_ not for publication

city, town      Freeland      \_\_\_\_\_ vicinity

county Baltimore County

**3. Owner of Property** (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Hong Sam and Joo Hee Kim

street and number	20955 South Ruhl Road	telephone	Not Available
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city, town	Freeland	state	MD	zip code	21053-9779
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#### 4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Baltimore County Courthouse liber 13203 folio 697

city, town	Towson	tax map 6	tax parcel 66	tax ID number	1800002869
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## 5. Primary Location of Additional Data

☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District  
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District  
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register  
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register  
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER  
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT  
☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

## 6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function		Resource Count	
_____ district	_____ public	_____ agriculture	_____ landscape	Contributing	Noncontributing
<u>X</u> building(s)	<u>X</u> private	_____ commerce/trade	_____ recreation/culture	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u> buildings
_____ structure	_____ both	_____ defense	_____ religion	_____	_____ sites
_____ site		<u>X</u> domestic	_____ social	_____	_____ structures
_____ object		_____ education	_____ transportation	_____	_____ objects
		_____ funerary	_____ work in progress	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u> Total
		_____ government	_____ unknown		
		_____ health care	_____ vacant/not in use		
		_____ industry	_____ other:		
				<b>Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory</b>	
				<u>1</u>	

## 7. Description

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### Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

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## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

**Specific dates** 1860 ca. **Architect/Builder** Unknown

**Construction dates** 1860 ca.

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register

☐ Maryland Register

☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

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<sup>1</sup> J. C. Sidney, *Map of the City and County of Baltimore, Maryland, from Original Surveys* (Baltimore, MD: James M. Stephens, 1850).

<sup>2</sup> *Atlas of Baltimore County, Maryland* (Philadelphia, PA: G. M. Hopkins, 1877).

<sup>3</sup> J. Thomas Scharf, *History of Baltimore City and County From the Earliest Period to the Present Day: Including Biographical Sketches of Their Representative Men* (Philadelphia, PA: Louis H. Everts, 1881. Reprinted by Higginson Book Company, Salem, MA), p. 870.

<sup>4</sup> *Map of Baltimore County* (Philadelphia, PA: G. W. Bromley, 1915).

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## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 36.09 Acres

Acreage of historical setting 180 Acres

Quadrangle name New Freedom

Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

### Verbal boundary description and justification

The Masemore Farm House is located at 20955 South Ruhl Road near Middletown in the Sixth District of Baltimore County. It has historically been associated with tax map 6, parcel 66 since its construction circa 1860.

## 11. Form Prepared by

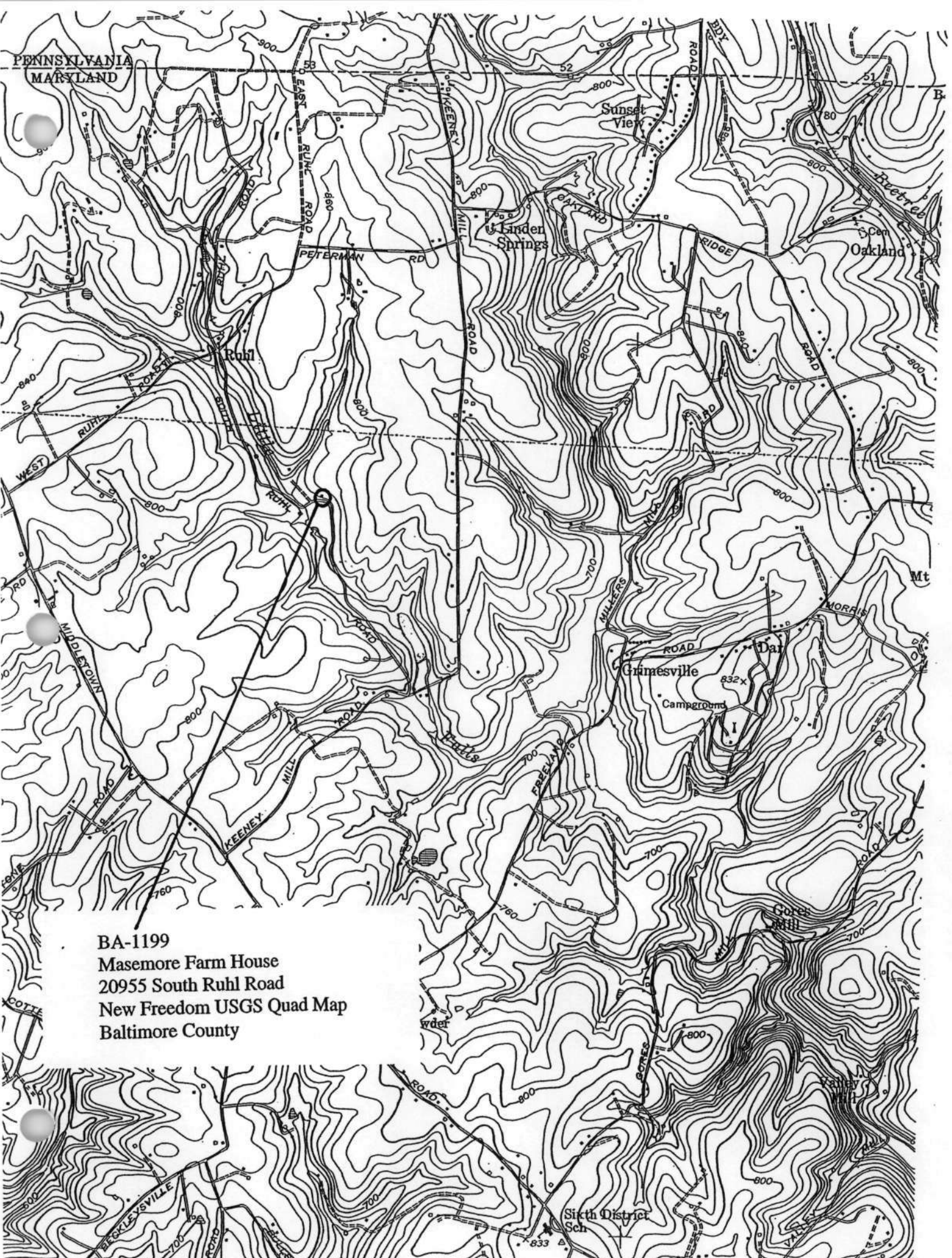
name/title	R. Weidlich and K. Baynard, Architectural Historians		
organization	EHT Tracerics, Incorporated	date	February 11, 2002
street & number	1121 5th Street NW	telephone	202.393.1199
city or town	Washington	state	DC

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

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DHCD/DHCP  
100 Community Place  
Crownsville, MD 21032-2023  
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New Freedom USGS Quad Map  
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MASIMORE FARM HOUSE

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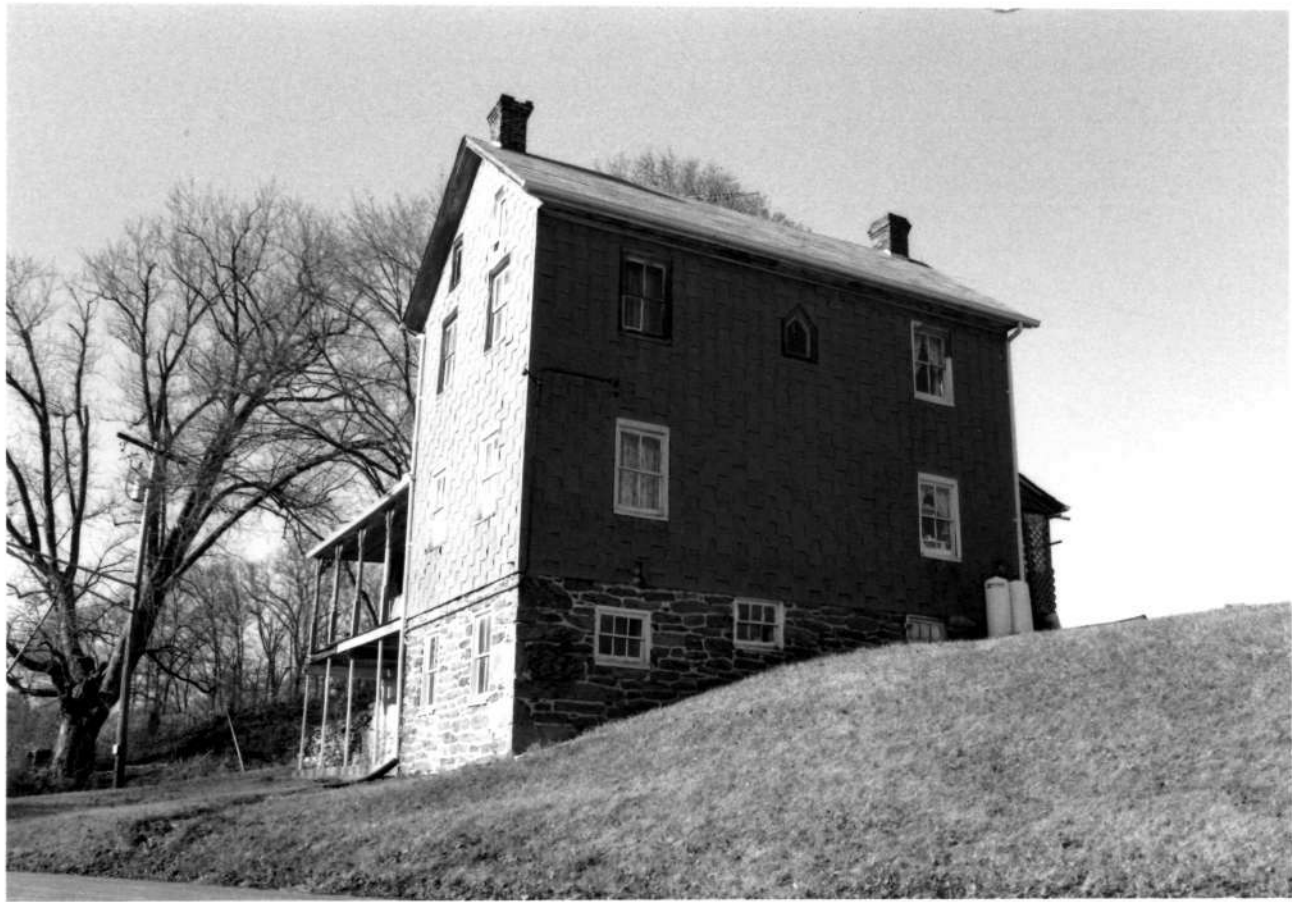
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SOUTHWEST CORNER, VIEW LOOKING NORTHEAST

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SOUTHEAST CORNER, View looking northwest

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WASH HOUSE, NORTHWEST CORNER

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## MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

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## NOMINATION FORM

for the

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

<b>1. NAME</b>				
COMMON: <u>Masimore FARM house</u>		(A) WASH HOUSE (B) BANK BARN (C) OTHER SMALL OUTBUILDINGS		
AND/OR HISTORIC:				
<b>2. LOCATION</b>				
STREET AND NUMBER: <u>North side of South Ruhl Road about 0.7 mi</u>				
CITY OR TOWN: <u>Skto Ruhl vicinity north of Keeney Mill Road</u>				
STATE: <u>Maryland</u>		COUNTY: <u>Baltimore</u>		
<b>3. CLASSIFICATION</b>				
CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP		ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object		<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)				
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment		<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum		<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ _____ _____
<b>4. OWNER OF PROPERTY</b>				
OWNER'S NAME: <u>[Mrs Henry] Masimore</u>				
STREET AND NUMBER: <u>South Ruhl Road</u>				
CITY OR TOWN: <u>Frederick</u>		STATE: <u>MD</u>		
<b>5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION</b> <u>TAX MAP 6 PARCEL 66 &amp; P. 19</u>				
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: <u>BALTIMORE COUNTY COURTS BUILDING</u>				
STREET AND NUMBER: <u>BOWLEY AVE.</u>				
CITY OR TOWN: <u>Towson</u>		STATE: <u>MD</u> <u>21204</u>		
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #): <u>(P. 66) 980/191</u>				
<b>6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS</b> <u>(P. 19) 980/191</u>				
TITLE OF SURVEY: <u>BALTIMORE COUNTY HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY</u>				
DATE OF SURVEY: <u>ONGOING SINCE 1964</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local				
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: <u>MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST</u>				
STREET AND NUMBER: <u>21 STATE CIRCLE</u>				
CITY OR TOWN: <u>ANNAPOLIS</u>		STATE: <u>MARYLAND</u> <u>21401</u>		

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field check for loc. + addenda: A. Harten 3/1/78

## 7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This house in two parts is of frame with <sup>gray</sup> asphalt shingle covering clapboard, white trim, over a bank-basement of stone open on the south. T-shaped, a two-story section 3 bays by 2 ~~has a taller two-story~~ faces south, the roof ridge line running east-west while a taller 2 story section, 3 bays by 2, runs across the east end of the house, the roof ridge line running north-south. This taller section added a "bermity" for the many children of Mrs. Masimore's father in about 1900.

The wing facing south is entered <sup>either</sup> at road level through the basement kitchen or through the upper level of a two-story porch ~~at the~~ first floor. Windows throughout are 2 lights over 2 except under the eaves of the second floor of this section, where there is a single sash of 3 lights at either side, presumably hinged at the bottom. There are 3 chimneys, one at each end of the "bermity" and one at the east end of

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## B. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

☐ Pre-Columbian☐ 16th Century☒ 18th Century *part?*☐ 20th Century☐ 15th Century☐ 17th Century☒ 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Aboriginal

☐ Prehistoric☐ Historic☒ Agriculture☐ Architecture☐ Art☐ Commerce☐ Communications☐ Conservation☐ Education☐ Engineering☐ Industry☐ Invention☐ Landscape☐ Architecture☐ Literature☐ Military☐ Music☐ Political☐ Religion/Phi-

losophy

☐ Science☐ Sculpture☐ Social/Human-

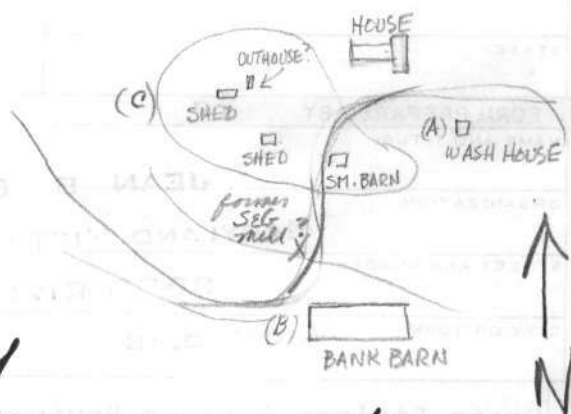
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☐ Theater☐ Transportation☐ Urban Planning☐ Other (Specify)

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The present owner's family have lived here for over a hundred years. ~~through~~ she knows of no particular history of the place, except that the family ran a dairy and orchard.

This place seems to be the location of the P.A. & S. Small Grist & Saw mill on the 1877 map HED6, although the mill is no longer standing. Upstream close to the road is the P.A. & S. Small residence & another Saw mill (on the 1877 Hopkins map) — see MHT-HSI #1200



## 1. Description Continue to

The section facing south.

- (A) There is a stone wash house across the road, 1½ stories, about 15' x 18'. A single door faces south. 2 windows are in each end wall facing east and west, 6/6, and 2 windows upstairs west, 3/6. (See photo)

- (B) There is also a huge frame bank barn on stone foundation across the road. (C) Several decorative small frame sheds & outbuildings

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## 9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

## 10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES				
CORNER	LATITUDE		LONGITUDE		LATITUDE		LONGITUDE		
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"
NE	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"
SE	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"
SW	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

78.60 A house &amp; part of farm fls.

110.0 A barn, washhouse &amp; farmland fls.

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LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:		COUNTY:	
STATE:		COUNTY:	
STATE:		COUNTY:	
STATE:		COUNTY:	

## 11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:	
ORGANIZATION	DATE
MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST	
STREET AND NUMBER:	
2575 RIVA ROAD	
CITY OR TOWN:	STATE
ANNAPOLIS	MARYLAND

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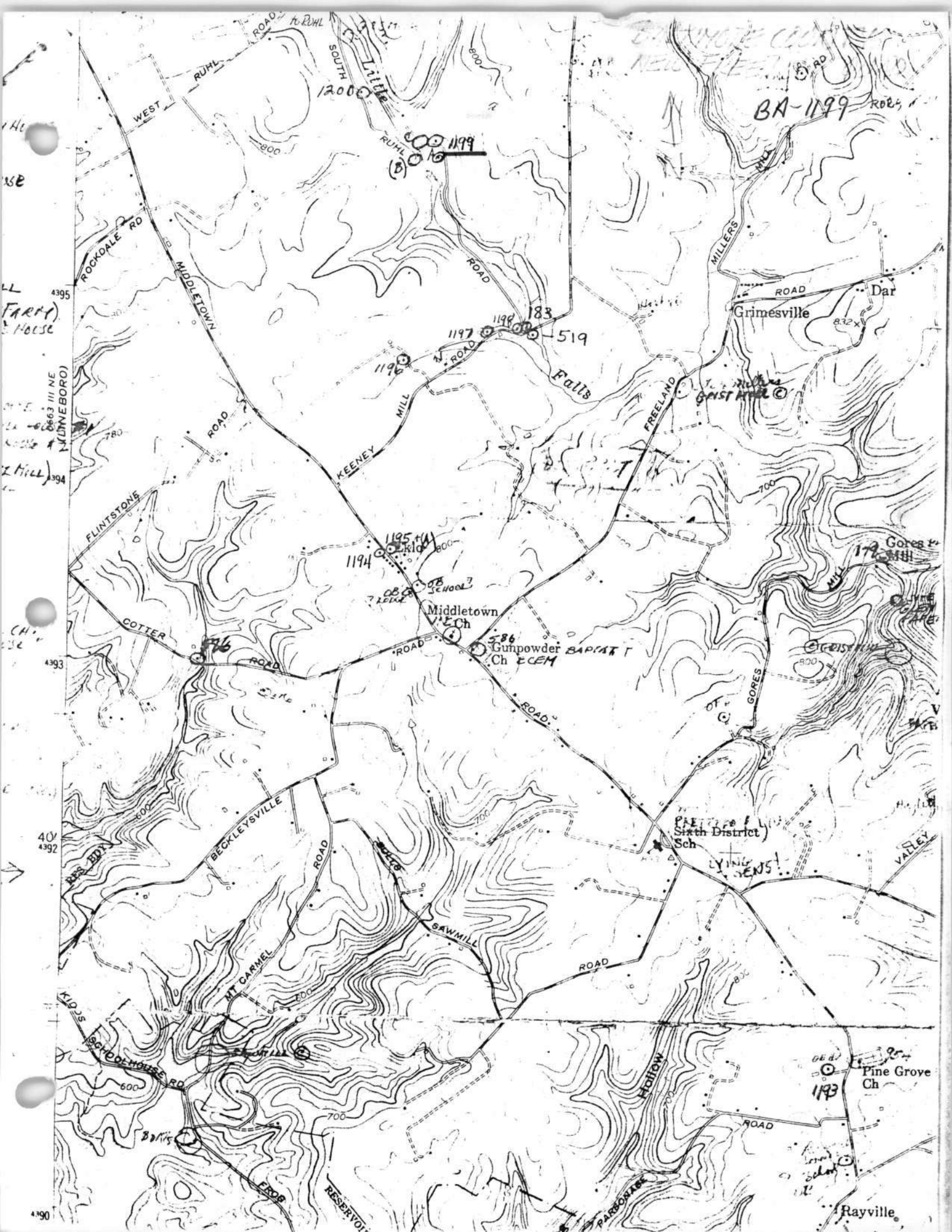
State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Signature







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VI-NEW-1199 MASIMORE FARM HOUSE  
SOUTH RUHL ROAD, RUHL VICINITY  
view of front (S) elevation, looking NE  
PHOTO: JEAN S. EWING (MHT) 1/73 (frame 20A)



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VII-NEW-1199A MASIMORE FARM, WASH HOUSE  
SOUTH RUHL ROAD, RUHL VICINITY

PHOTO: JEAN S. EWING (MHT) 1/73 (frame 19A-20)